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what are coming into place as being somewhat phenomenon when compared to the operation ten years ago. We have constitutional requirements, we have...that is in our State Constitution; we have federal court guidelines that have to be adhered to; we have federal court decisions that have created those guidelines and have to be adhered to, and so there's a fairly narrow set of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...decisions to be made. Much of what has to be done on the broader sense is already laid out before us. The Bromm resolution then proposes to us, for the remainder of this year, a way of taking the steps that are necessary to get to where it is we need to be when the new Legislature convenes the first of the year of 2001. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schimek, on the Bromm LR 494.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Coordsen, did you wish anymore time? Did you get to conclude? Okay, actually you touched on some of the same things that I had my light on for. But I would just like to say that I do think it's good that we all start thinking about this now rather than waiting until January. I think that we will be much better prepared, the process will go a lot more smoothly. Now there has been some implication, impressions left at least, in different news accounts that I have read, that you know we went to court last year because the process was bad. I don't think the process was great sometimes last year, but I don't think that's the reason that we ended up in court. And I don't think it matters whether we have a task force do it, or whether the Legislature does it or whatever, there's always the potential that we could go to court. So I don't think that establishing everything according to the way we think the book reads is necessarily going to get us off the hook. And, in fact, some other states that have had those special commissions that Senator Bromm was suggesting in LB 515 have ended up in court. So, we just have to be vigilant, we just have to think things through and do the best job we can. One factor that's going to be a little bit different this year, I think, is the fact that